

The New Hampshire Homeless Teen Task Force was established in 2008. Its members include members of the NH Department of Education, DCYF, Childcare Licensing, local homeless education liaisons, local politicians, local police enforcement, and many more concerned members of New Hampshire. The goal of the task force is to investigate the needs of homeless youth across the state and find ways to address these needs as best as possible. Furthermore, this task force works to educate everyone in New Hampshire on the unique needs of homeless youth and what we can do to address these needs. The task force has developed plans that will combine legislation with cooperative leadership from organizations and agencies that can provide street and community outreach, drop-in programs, and emergency shelters. Repackaging of group homes to become emergency housing, single room occupancy, or transitional living facilities is soon to be tested, in part, with a program being developed by Katy McDermott at the Chase Home in Hampton, NH. Future workshops and life-skills job training to assist in finding employment are a possibility. All of this and much more yet to be designed, determined, or implemented in an effort to provide for the homeless youth of our state.